

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 3-8 are allowed.

Independent claims 1 and 7-8 recite a measuring method and apparatus, the method comprising "...inputting at least one first parameter for creating a measurement path and required for measurement in X-axis and Y-axis directions to create the measurement path measuring program; inputting at least one second parameter required for measurement in a Z-axis direction to finalize the created measurement path measuring program; and measuring the designated measuring region along the measurement path according to the finalized measurement path measuring program..." which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Dependent claims 3-6 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

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